

# "Medicine" of Epicurus: Removing Fear and Finding Freedom

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Also to the tiger example, and Epicurean might say: "What the heck are you doing hanging out around cliffs where tigers are everywhere?"

See Lucretius Book Five:

If you think

The feats of Hercules compare with his,

You'll wander in error, almost out of your mind.

How could that gap-mouth, the Nemean lion,

Harm us today? What could the bristly boar

From Arcady do, or the Cretan bull, or the freak

Of Lerna, ruffed with poisonous snakes, accomplish?

Of what avail Geryon's triple menace,

Bronze-plumed Stymphalian marsh birds, or the fire

Blown out by Diomed's horses? And that dragon,

Glowering fierce and huge, coiled round a treetrunk,

Guarding the golden apples of the west

By the Atlantic's merciless rage of rock

And shore - how could he damage us? We never

Go there, not one of us; neither do strangers,

Barbarians, folk uncivilized.